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SUBJECT: MARCH 12 EXPLOSIONS AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY

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1. LAO NEWS MEDIA HAVE THUS FAR (MARCH 18) IGNORED THE MARCH 12 ATTACK ON THE SOVIET EMBASSY. SINCE LAO NEWS MEDIA HAVE REPORTED OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS IN VIENTIANE, WE CAN ONLY SUPPOSE THAT THE NON-EVENT STATUS OF THE MARCH 12 INCIDENT IS THE RESULT OF A REQUEST BY THE SOVIETS. INDEED, SOVIETS FIND THE ATTACK VERY EMBARRASSING AND ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO MINIMIZE ITS IMPORTANCE. (WE HAVE, HOWEVER, SEEN WIRE-SERVICE DISPATCH WITH ACCURATE CASUALTY COUNT -- CARRIED IN WASHINGTON POST MARCH 14 -- WHICH APPEARS TO BE SOURCED TO VIENTIANE "CITY OFFICIALS.")

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2. AMONG THESE EFFORTS WAS SOVIET EMBOFF'S MARCH 13 CONVERSATION WITH US (REFTEL) IN WHICH HE WAS LESS THAN CANDID. THERE WERE NOT THREE "LOCAL EMPLOYEES" "VERY SLIGHTLY INJURED" IN THE ATTACK. THERE WERE IN FACT FOUR RUSSIANS WOUNDED, THREE OF THEM SLIGHTLY, BUT THE FOURTH ONE RELATIVELY SERIOUSLY. (ONE FRAGMENT PIERCED LEFT SHOULDER FRONT TO BACK. ANOTHER CAUSED A LEG WOUND.) THEY WERE ALL TREATED BY A FRENCH DOCTOR AT THE MAHOSOT HOSPITAL.
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